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FELON, ALIEN AND PHOENIX RESIDENT SENTENCED TO 9 YEARS IN PRISON

PHOENIX – On May 15, 2006, Ivan Espinoza-Galaviz, 25, of Phoenix, Ariz., and a Mexican citizen, was sentenced here to 9 years in prison by U.S. District Judge Susan R. Bolton for being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition, and Illegal Reentry After Deportation.

On January 24, 2006, the morning of trial, Espinoza-Galaviz plead guilty to the two offenses and admitted the following facts. Espinoza-Galaviz admitted that on March 9, 2005, he had prior felony convictions in the State of Utah in 2002 for Attempted Aggravated Kidnaping, Possession With Intent to Distribute a Controlled/Counterfeit Substance, and two counts of Receiving or Transferring a Stolen Vehicle, and he knowingly possessed a .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol and .45 caliber ammunition.

With respect to the immigration offense, Espinoza-Galaviz admitted that on March 9, 2005, he was alien who had been found in Glendale, Arizona, after having been previously deported from the United States on March 4, 2004, and he had not obtained the express consent of the United States prior to his reentry.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Glendale Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Frederick A. Battista.

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